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City Council Approves Building Improvement Plan

In the Spotlight

Feature building for this issue is the old Baldwin Department Store building. The International style façade, the result of a 1940 era renovation, features glass block detailing and stucco sheathing over the original brick of the circa 1910 structure. Check the Opportunities for Downtown Investment column for more details on this unique downtown Rocky Mount property.

Update on Proposal for State Fair Train

Efforts to arrange a return train trip from Raleigh during the week of the 2000 State Fair were not successful. Amtrak officials have stated that the equipment needed for the trip is currently being renovated by NC DOT Rail Division and will not be completed in time to schedule the special train service during this year's State Fair.

Negotiations are continuing on arrangements for a Special Train from Rocky Mount to Raleigh and back for the 2001 State Fair.

Rocky Mount City Council members recently approved a program of matching grants for approved building improvements to buildings within the central city area of downtown Rocky Mount. The objectives of the program are to encourage property owners and tenants of buildings to make the necessary repairs and improvements to the structures to make them suitable for modern commercial uses and to encourage the preservation of buildings which are significant to the heritage of the City.

The City Council will appoint a ten member Central City Revitalization Panel to review applications for the matching grants. In addition, the Revitalization Panel will work with the Downtown Development Manager on the master plan for revitalization of the central city.

Types of projects which may be funded include the following:

- Brick or wall surface cleaning
- Patching or painting of façade walls
- Signage or lighting replacement/repair
- Canopy, porch, awning installation/repair
- Window/and or door replacement/repair
- Mortar joint repair
- Railings and ironwork repair or addition
- Cornice repair and/or replacement
- Replacement/repair to exterior steps

Applications and additional information on the program will be available in mid September. Contact the Downtown Development Manager's office at 972-1267.



Bright Idea for This Issue: Be a part of a community tradition by participating in the 2000 Down East Festival. Booth space is available for civic groups and art and craft vendors. Contact the Parks and Recreation department of the City of Rocky Mount at 972-1159 for information about becoming a part of this fun-filled event. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are also available.



BEFORE

Boarded up transom and windows with flat paint treatment obscuring architectural details.



AFTER

Windows uncovered, paint removed to reveal beauty of architectural details of cornice and new awning.

Preservation Rocky Mount Meets September 7

Preservation Rocky Mount will hold its fall meeting on Thursday, September 7. A nonprofit corporation, Preservation Rocky Mount works in concert with other preservation organizations in the area such as the City of Rocky Mount Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Renaissance, and the Downtown Development office to coordinate and maximize preservation efforts. For information on meeting location and program, contact Jean Bailey, President, at 446-1422.

Opportunities for Investment in Downtown

The properties listed below are only a partial listing of investment opportunities in the central city area. This information is published solely to promote the public interest in the revitalization of the central city as part of the overall economic improvement of the City of Rocky Mount. Neither the Downtown Development Office nor the City of Rocky Mount has any intent to act in any capacity as an agent for the sale or lease of these properties. For more information about a listing, or to add a property to the list, contact the Downtown Development office at 972-1267.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE

315 Grace Street (Singleton House): 2,164 sq.ft. house divided into two apartments in the Villa Place National Register Historic District. Contact Preservation Rocky Mount 446-1422.

320 Pearl Street: 2,485 sq. ft. house with 5 bedrooms and 2 baths in the Villa Place National Register Historic District. Contact Lilah Gray 937-2121.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE OR LEASE

100 NW Main: 3,600 sq. ft. on each of 3 floors. Contact Luke Harvin 443-5115.

101 S. Church: 2,000 sq. ft. with shared common spaces. Contact David Hodges 977-1616 Extension 231.

322 Arlington Street: 4,950 sq. ft. in commercial building. Contact Luke Harvin 443-5115.

315 Sunset Avenue (Fleming Apartments): apartment building. Contact Luke Harvin 443-5115.

COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE

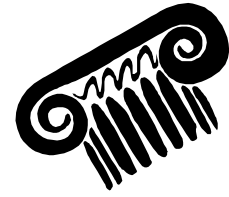
231 Sunset Avenue: 2,700 sq. ft. office space. Contact David Hodges 977-1616 Extension 231.

129 NE Main Street: Retail and office space. Contact John Funches 437-9524.

BEST OPPORTUNITY OF THE SEASON

High traffic volume restaurant space in the heart of downtown for lease. Contact 972-1267

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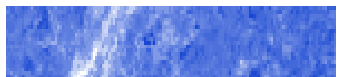


Did You Know..

Ten income-producing tax credit projects have been completed in **Edgecombe County** at a total construction investment of **\$2,177,700**, including the 100 block of South Washington Street in Rocky Mount.

Five income-producing tax credit projects have been completed in **Nash County** at a total construction investment of **\$1,849,000**.

For information on tax credits for eligible properties in the central city, contact Kaye Edmisten, Downtown Development Manager at 972-1267.



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